

Massachusetts Fire Training Council

Firefighter Practical Certification Examination

Skill Sheet No.	FF-II- 401	07-01-06	Candidate Number	
Skill Title: SERVICE TESTING FIRE HOSE				
NFPA Objective:	6.5.3	Minimum to pass	13	
PERFORMANCE:				P F

1.	All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is properly worn.				
2.	Checks gaskets and connects hose lengths together. (no more than 300') hose should be laid out straight.				
3.	Connects and tightens an open test gate valve to the discharge port.				
4.	Utilizes a rope, rope tool, or hose strap to anchor hose to pumper at test gate valve connection.				
5.	Attaches a shutoff nozzle to the open end of test length.				
6.	Fills hoseline with water and increases pressure to 45 PSI.				
7.	Permits air to discharge fully from the line by opening the nozzle.				
8.	Makes a chalk or pencil mark on hose jacket against each coupling.				
9.	Checks that no couplings are leaking. Tightens any couplings, if necessary.				
10.	Closes test valve and increases pump pressure to the required test pressure.				
11.	Maintains pressure for three minutes.				
12.	While at the test pressure the candidate shall walk along the test hose inspecting it for leaks. At no time shall the candidate be any closer than 15 feet to the hose, and he/she shall be on the left side of the hose while looking toward the nozzle end from the pump end.				
13.	Slowly reduces pump pressure after three minutes, closes discharge valve, assures the pump is disengaged.				
14.	Opens nozzles to bleed off pressure.				
15.	Breaks connections and drains water away from the test area.				
16.	Observes marks placed on hose at the couplings.				
17.	Determines whether each length can remain in service or be tagged and placed out of service.				
18.	Completes evolution safely				

■ Failure of this critical portion is cause for entire skill failure

Examiner Signature _____ Date ____/____/____